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COMMISSIONER REVICZKY NAMES NEW DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE PRESERVATION

By Jason Bowsza, Office of Cmsr. Steven K. Reviczky

Linda Piotrowicz has been selected as the new director of the Dept. of Agriculture's (DoAg)'s Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation.

Ms. Piotrowicz is no stranger to Connecticut's agricultural community. As an essential member of DoAg's policy team, Linda is able to hit the ground running. Her experience in agriculture dates back to the 1980s, starting in the nursery industry, then working for a manufacturer of agricultural disease control products, and extending through her work in program management and policy development most recently. She promises to be a driving force for innovation and an advocate for growing Connecticut farms for many years to come.

"We were blessed with a diverse and high-quality pool of 26 candidates for the position," Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "By the end of the process, the choice became very clear. Linda is the person that agency and agricultural stakeholders will be able to depend on to get the job done. I can't think of anyone who has a better combination of commitment, knowledge, experience, energy, and passion. Certainly no one will work harder. Linda has my full support and confidence as she begins this new and challenging role."

Linda's extensive roots in agriculture began at a young age. She grew up in Simsbury and developed an early interest and involvement in the farms nearby. After attending Simsbury's acclaimed public school system, she received a scholarship from the Connecticut Horticulture Society and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Connecticut's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources with a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture. To help pay her way through college, she worked at local nursery and greenhouse operations.

Congratulating Linda on her promotion, Dean Greg Weidemann said, "I've enjoyed working with Linda on the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development. She's brought a high level of professionalism and organization to that role, and I am looking forward to working with her in her new position as bureau director. She will bring new energy and passion to the agency that will help Connecticut agriculture move forward."

After earning her degree from the University of Connecticut, Linda completed the required coursework and examinations for teacher certification in agriculture, biology and general science. When she joined DoAg in 2006, Linda first worked in the bureau she will now lead. It was here she revitalized the Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report, working to build a bridge between the agency and its constituency by sharing regular insights into programs, grants, and services available.

Terry Jones, Working Lands Alliance chair and an owner of Jones Family Farms and Winery, joined in congratulating Linda on her



Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky and Linda Piotrowicz, the Dept. of Agriculture's new Director of the Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation.

appointment, saying, "Linda is a 'Connecticut Grown' treasure!"

From farm to UConn to Department of Agriculture, she knows the Connecticut farm and food scene. She will work hard and with dedication on behalf of our state's agricultural community."

Linda's innovative and engaging approach has been the driving force behind several major initiatives at DoAg over time. Recognizing an opportunity to connect local farmers with area restaurateurs, she created the Farm-to-Chef Program, which has among its components an annual Farm-to-Chef Week each September that will include nearly 90 restaurants and institutions this year.

A participant of the Farm-to-Chef Program and this year's winner of Connecticut's Outstanding Young Farmer Award, Stacia Monahan said "working with Linda on various projects over the last few years has shown me her unwavering dedication to the future of agriculture in the state of Connecticut. She is the perfect person to help lead the continued growth of Connecticut's agricultural economy. And the future has never looked so great for farmers in the state."

Stacia and her husband Fred own and operate the diversified Stone Gardens Farm in Shelton year-round, where they have built a four-season CSA serving 1,000 customers annually.

Since 2011, Linda has been a driving force behind the state's effort to re-launch the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development (GCAD). Over the past three years, the GCAD engaged hundreds of agricultural stakeholders from around the state to generate ideas and foster dialogue around a wide range of topics, including marketing; producer education, training, and innovation; food security; and other timely and important topics.

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MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, Sept. 8, 2014

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	65.00	708.00
61-75 lbs.	110.00	115.00
76-90 lbs.	235.00	240.00
91-105 lbs.	245.00	250.00
106 lbs. & up	255.00	260.00
Farm Calves	265.00	270.00
Starter Calves	55.00	60.00
Veal Calves	130.00	260.00
Open Heifers	80.00	130.00
Beef Steers	117.00	133.00
Beef Heifers	119.00	135.00
Feeder Steers	150.00	160.00
Stock Bulls	130.00	140.00
Beef Bulls	117.00	141.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	2 at	120.00
Goats each	140.00	370.00
Kid Goats	85.00	200.00
Canners	up to	114.00
Cutters	115.00	119.00
Utility Grade Cows	120.00	125.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	16.00
Chickens each	3.00	20.00
Ducks each	2.00	10.00
Feeder Pigs	50.00	85.00
Lambs	180.00	320.00
Sheep	120.00	230.00

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.30	1.34
LARGE	1.28	1.32
MEDIUM	.99	1.03

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.66	1.76
LARGE	1.62	1.72
MEDIUM	1.25	1.35

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

	Low	High
49-54		
200-300 lbs	76.00	80.00
300-400 lbs	78.00	84.00
54-58		
200-300 lbs	81.00	90.00
300-400 lbs	n/a	
Sows, US1-3		
300-500 lbs	54.50	60.00
500-700 lbs	58.00	60.00
Boars		
630-800 lbs	38.50	40.50

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	LOW	HIGH
BLUEBERRIES 12/1PT,PULP	40.00	48.00
BEAN,CRANBERRY,BU	35.00	40.00
BEAN GREEN,MACH PICK,BU	16.00	18.00
BEAN GREEN,BU,HAND PICK	24.00	28.00
BEAN WAX, BU	24.00	22.00
BROCCOLI,CROWNS,20LB	19.00	24.00
BROCCOLI 14CT	18.00	19.00
ARRUGULA,24'S	12.00	12.00
COLLARD	10.00	12.00
CORN,5DZ	8.00	11.00
CUCUMBER,PICKLES,1 1/9BU	24.00	24.00
ROMAINE,24CT	14.00	14.00
EGGPLANT,1 1/9 BU	10.00	12.00
KALE,12'S	10.00	14.00
KOHLRABI 12'S	16.00	16.00
LETTUCE,GREEN LEAF,24CT	12.00	12.00
LEEKs 12'S	20.00	22.00
PEPPER,CUBANELLE 11/9BU	10.00	10.00
PEPPER,JALAPENO,1/2BU	10.00	10.00
PEPPER,BELL,GREEN XL	8.00	12.00
PEPPERS TRNING RED LGE	8.00	9.00
RHUBARB 20 IB LGE	35.00	35.00
SQUASH,YELLOW,FCY,1/2BU	16.00	18.00
SQUASH,YELLOW,MED,1/2BU	14.00	16.00
SQUASH,GREEN,FCY,1/2BU	15.00	16.00
SQUASH,GREEN,MED,1/2BU	12.00	14.00
SWISS CHARD,12'S	18.00	18.00
TOMATOES,HEIRLOOM,10LB	20.00	25.00
GRAPE,CONCORD ,8/1QT	27.00	27.00
APPLE,PAULA RED,BU	28.00	30.00
BLACKBERRIES 12-1/2PT	30.00	30.00
NECTARINES 22LB BOX	26.00	26.00
PEAR,CLAPP,4/5BU	30.00	30.00
PEACHES 1/2BU,YELLOW,2 1/2	24.00	24.00
PEACHES 22LB ,WHITE,2 1/2	24.00	26.00
PLUM,BLACK,20LB	30.00	30.00
TOMATOES 25 ILBS	10.00	20.00

WHOLESALE SEASONAL NEW ENGLAND

INDIAN CORN ,20/3'S	25.00	25.00
PUMPKIN,HOWDEN,36"BIN	200.00	225.00
PUMPKIN, Pie,sm,36"bin	300.00	300.00
PUMPKIN,Pie,1 1/9bu	20.00	20.00
SQUASH,Acorn,1 1/9bu	14.00	15.00
SQUASH,BUTTERNUT,1 1/9BU	14.00	15.00
SQUASH,KABOCHA,1 1/9BU	18.00	18.00
SQUASH,SPAGHETTI,1 1/9BU	28.00	28.00

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Average Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	Low	High
breakers 75-80% lean	106.00	111.50
boners 80-85% lean	102.00	107.25
lean 85-90% lean	96.50	100.75
CALVES graded bull		
No 110-120lbs	253.00	287.00
No 2 110-120lbs	228.00	262.00
No 3 80-12 0lbs	167.00	218.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm2-3	153.25	156.00
Ch2-3	146.25	152.00
Sel2-3	143.00	143.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS.		
HiCh/prm3-4	154.50	158.50
Ch2-3	150.00	153.00
Sel2-3	147.00	150.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/prm3-4	142.50	146.00
Ch2-3	137.00	140.25
Sel2-3	133.00	138.50
VEALERS	36.75	81.75
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
40-60lbs	n/a	
60-80lb	190.00	212.00
80-110lbs	185.00	202.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3		
110-130lbs	92.00	108.00
130-140lbs	92.00	96.00
Bucks		
120-150.lbs	97.00	147.00
180-190lbs	94.00	107.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est.		
20-40lb	n/a	n/a
40-60lb	130.00	167.00
60-80lb	162.00	207.00
80-100lb	183.00	222.00
Nannies/Does: 110-130lbs	152.00	157.00
130-180lbs	150.00	180.00
Bucks/Billies: 125-150lbs	260.00	260.00
150-210lbs	235.00	295.00

PA GRADED FEEDER PIGS

Lancaster, PA, per cwt. Aug. 20

	Low	High
Gr US 1- WT -20	185.00	185.00
WT20-30	N/A	
WT30-40	120.00	175.00
WT40-60	125.00	140.00
WT 60-80	130.00	130.00

EASTERN, PA, GRAIN

average price per bushel

CORN	3.91
BARLEY	2.45
SOYBEANS	12.90

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By reaching out to these industry experts, the GCAD has been able to focus the agency's policy decisions and legislative proposals more precisely towards areas that will benefit agriculture as a whole.

Linda's many years of dedication to and involvement in agriculture have built a large list of supporters, including innovator Joe Geremia of Geremia Greenhouse, who was overjoyed at the news of her appointment.

"She is a great choice! She is dedicated, passionate, engaging, and a wonderful resource for farmers in Connecticut," Mr. Geremia said. "She is an innovative thinker focused on expanding agriculture and growing the industry and moving it into the future. She's someone I've always known has agriculture's very best interests at heart. I look forward to continuing a great working relationship with her and the department."

The responsibilities of Ms. Piotrowicz's new position are diverse. She will lead the marketing unit, which administers promotional grants, certification of Connecticut Grown farmers' markets, the Farm Wine Development Council, the Connecticut Food Policy Council, the agency's farm to school initiatives, Farm Transition Grants, Farm Viability Grants, Specialty Crop Block Grants, and many other projects and programs.

She will also oversee the state's Farmland Preservation Program, the Farmland Restoration Program and the Farm Reinvestment program. The final piece of her newly expanded portfolio will be to serve as the executive director of the state-owned Hartford Regional Market, a 32-acre commercial/industrial retail and wholesale facility in the Hartford's South Meadows that is largest perishable food distribution hub between New York City and Boston.

"That bureau touches virtually every farmer in the state through the important programs in the marketing unit, grant programs, the Farmland Preservation and resource programs, as well as the Hartford Regional Market," said Connecticut Farm Bureau Association Executive Director Henry Talmage.

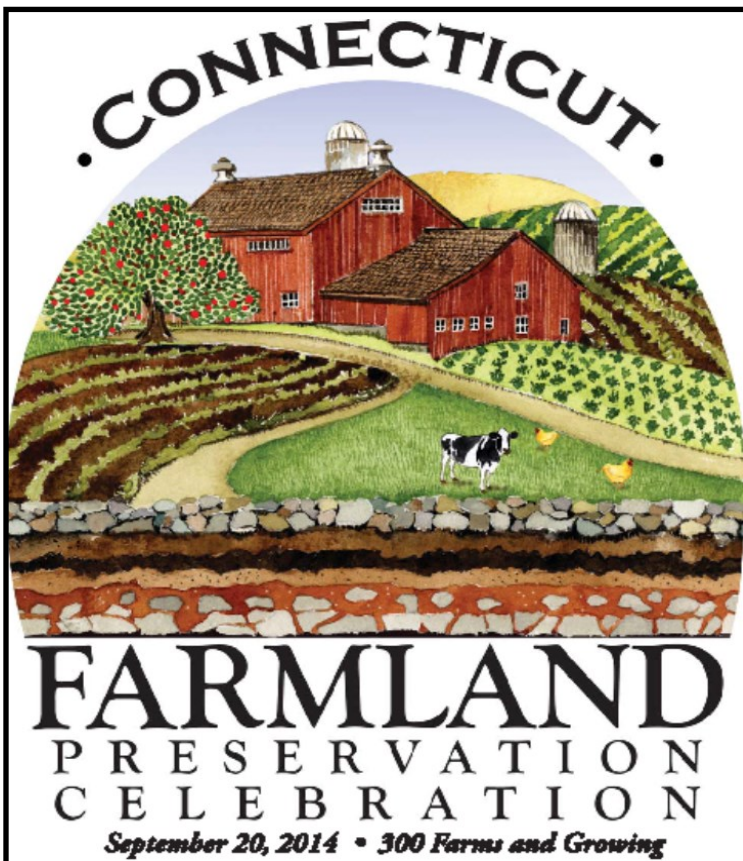
"Linda's experience in marketing and the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development will serve her well as she leads the work of the bureau," he continued. "I look forward to working closely with Linda and the bureau as we all strive to create increased opportunities for all aspects of Connecticut agriculture. On behalf of the members of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, I would like to extend my congratulations to Linda for being named by Commissioner Steven K. Revczky as the next director of the Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation."

Linda's promotion to bureau director marks the ninth position filled by DoAg in the last year.

"Governor Malloy has given agriculture an opportunity to recoup much of the staffing that has been lost over time through attrition. We are at a place now where we are able to drive policy that will continue to build on past successes," Commissioner Revczky commented. "Linda's appointment as bureau director is strong step towards the future, and ensures that we are in a place to continue agriculture's positive momentum. I am thrilled to have her on board."

The bureau director vacancy occurred as a result of the June 1, 2014, retirement of J. Dippel, which left this critical and multifaceted position vacant for three months.

During that time, Commissioner Revczky worked with the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services to conduct an extensive search that included 26 applicants and six comprehensive interviews before determining his selection of Linda Piotrowicz as the new director.



FIFTH ANNUAL FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK SEPT. 14-20

Eighty-five restaurants, farms, schools, wineries, cafeterias and other foodservice venues throughout the state will create and offer special Connecticut Grown menus featuring local ingredients during Farm-to-Chef Week, Sept. 14-20.

This special week encourages culinary professionals to use Connecticut Grown ingredients in new ways on their menus while also helping enlighten residents and visitors about the diversity of farm products grown and raised in Connecticut.

The wide array of participating venues offer choices for every taste and budget, from casual take-out to formal multi-course meals, and from wholesome health food to decadent delicacies. Participants must offer a minimum of four items, with each featuring one or more Connecticut Grown items. Beyond that, the menu is limited only by the chef's imagination.

"Farm-to-Chef Week is a great way to experience and learn more about the incredible quality and diversity of food grown in Connecticut," Dept. of Agriculture Cmsr. Steven K. Reviczky said. "This is a fantastic showcase of some of our state's most talented and creative chefs using ingredients produced by our innovative and hard-working farmers."

The Dept. of Agriculture began Farm-to-Chef Week in 2010 as part of its year-round Farm-to-Chef Program, which launched in 2006 and has served as a model for programs in other states.

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